

Remarks

Claims 1-14 are currently pending.

Objections

The Examiner objected to pages 2-5 of the specification and claims 1-14 for having “formulae” and “und” misspelled. Applicants have amended the specification and claims to correct this misspelling and request the objections be withdrawn.

The Examiner also objected to claim 8 on the basis that formula (6) is an emulsifier and not a triazine group formula and does not contain R₇ and R₈. Applicants have amended claim 8 by replacing formula (6) with formula (8) which is a triazine group formula containing R₇ and R₈ and request this objection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 10 and 13-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Pegelow et al. (US 2004/0031107). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the following reasons.

Pegelow et al. discloses a textile cleaning material (i.e. a cleaning cloth) having a host substance (e.g. a cyclodextrin) bonded chemically and/or physically to its surface. The host substance can be bonded directly to the cloth's surface or by a spacer. Within the cavities of the bonded host surface are active components, for example a surfactant, fragrance, fungicide, etc., which are released during cleaning and replaced by the soiling.

Pegelow et al. further discloses a process for preparing such a cleaning cloth. Pegelow et al.'s disclosed process includes applying the host substance and optional spacer to the cleaning cloth's surface and then subjecting the cloth to thermal treatment. If preferred, the host substance and spacer may be dispersed in a solvent before being

applied to the cloth and thermally treated. *See US 2004/0031107* at [0075-76]. Once the host substance and optional spacer have bonded to the cloth, “a liquid component chosen from water, a water-miscible organic solvent and mixtures thereof and at least one surfactant” are supplied to the cloth. *See id.* at [0081].

Thus, Pegelow et al. does not disclose an aqueous liquid composition comprising the combination of a cyclodextrin or a derivative thereof, a resin finishing or crosslinking agent, and at least one emulsifier of the formula (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) as presently claimed. Rather, Pegelow et al. discloses at best (i) a composition containing a host substance, optional spacer and solvent that is coated on the surface of the cloth and (ii) an aqueous composition containing a surfactant which is subsequently supplied to the cloth. Since each and every element as set forth in the present set of claims is not disclosed in Pegelow et al., this publication is not anticipatory. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request this rejection be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 6-9 and 11-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pegelow et al. in view of Reuscher et al. (US Pat. No. 5,728,823). For the reasons set forth above, Applicants submit claims 6-9 and 11-12 are not obvious based on Pegelow et al. in view of Reuscher et al.

Moreover, Pegelow et al.’s objective was to provide a cleaning cloth that may be used to clean surfaces without the use of aqueous solutions. As noted above, the cleaning cloth contains an active component that is stored within the cavities of the host substance and released during cleaning while the soiling is taken up by the host substance. In the present invention, Applicants objective was to provide a storage stable aqueous finishing

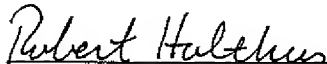
composition which is easy to handle and suitable for automatic weighing and dispensing systems. Nowhere does Pegelow et al. teach or suggest that an aqueous liquid composition containing the combination of a cyclodextrin or a derivative thereof, a resin finishing or crosslinking agent, and at least one emulsifier of the formula (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) could achieve this objective.

Adding the teachings of Reuscher et al. also does not bring one skilled in the art closer to Applicants claimed invention. Reuscher et al. merely discloses specific cyclodextrin derivatives. Reuscher et al. does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed aqueous liquid composition or a process of applying such a composition to a textile material. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejection under 103(a) be withdrawn and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance toward the pending claims.

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